



the Downtown News

A Monthly Update from the Kent Downtown Partnership

Annual KDP Dinner Auction Raised 25K

Home run for the KDP: This year's dinner/auction was a lively event with many tables cheering on their various teams. Many local sport teams were represented. Seattle Thunderbirds, Kent Predators, Tacoma Rainiers, Kent Meridian, Kent Parks & Recreation, Huskies and even the Cougars and many, many more. The Idaho Vandals were even represented. Lots of energy and excitement were had by all.

No event is ever successful without the help of our volunteers who organized the event, our KDP Board, the staff and our merchants and many other generous donors and, of course, our attendees who were so generous in their bidding.

An event of this size rarely goes without some glitches, and I believe we have those identified and will be sure to address them at next year's event.

This was my first KDP auction and I hope the remaining dinner/auctions are as fun as this was to plan. Thanks to all of you for everything! You have all made a difference for your KDP.

~ Barb Smith



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Home Plate:

Pete and Pat Curran
Ben and Lisa Wolters



Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming these new members to the KDP family!

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Central Avenue Storage provides secure storage for furniture and household items, business records and equipment as well as vehicles, boats and RV's. Every unit is secured with a door alarm and has 24-hour video surveillance. Stop by for a tour, a cup of coffee or cookies (provided daily)!

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Do you need a new website or just need to upgrade your current website? We are that business for you. We are already designing several of KDP's businesses websites. Call us for references and we would be delighted to provide the contact information so you can ask about our work.

Visit our blog for news, events, photos & more: <http://kentdowntown.blogspot.com>

Go Team KDP!!!

"The event was fun and so many people participated. I saw many people greeting old friends and chatting. A wonderful, warm, casual atmosphere. Certainly the most interactive dinner/auction that KDP has ever had. You did have board and volunteer support showing that the community does support KDP. So thank you for all of your very hard work in pulling everything together, the results were terrific."

~ Dee Moschel

KDP All Stars

At our auction, KDP proudly honored the year's most outstanding volunteers. This year's honorees are:

Restaurant of the Year:

Pat's Bar & Grill

Retail Business of the Year:

Lemon Drop Skincare & Massage

Professional Service Provider of the Year:

Chad Gleason, Retail Realty Services

Outgoing President:

Mark Albertson, Albertson Law Group

Outgoing Board Member:

Doug Scharnhorst, Olsen Law Firm

Dee Moschel Volunteer of the Year:

John Hinds and Sommer Ueda, Kent Station

President's Award:

Randal Smith, All Pro Maintenance

Special Honoree:

Libby Seidel

Design Award for Best Downtown Construction:

Tarragon Development

Design Award for Best Downtown Storefront:

Petrik Photography, Marina Petrik

Design Award for Best Renovation (Interior & Exterior)

Around the Clock, Suzanne Cameron

Light Up Kent Award

Garry Stewart, Doorman Service Company

Photographer Award:

Don Dinsmore, Photo Vision

Certified Clean Storefronts:

Around the Clock

Bittersweet Restaurant

City Frame

Kona Kai Coffee Co.

Petrik Photography



The Business of Business is Business

First of all, thank you to Barb and all of you who helped make the KDP auction such an amazing success. Tough economic times, beautiful weather, and lots of competing events on a summer Saturday night were no match for the dedicated support of our business and civic community. The event set new records, a testament to the health and strength of our business community, not to mention the magnetic allure of a Chuck-a-Puck competition and a famous guy throwing Crackerjack boxes at us!

Over the years, I've found myself often repeating a phrase I first heard about 40 years ago. "**The business of business is business.**" Although it may

seem trite, when I find myself losing focus on my company's essential task, and on my purpose within my company, reminding myself that **the business of business is business** never fails to sharpen my vision. In the coming year, as we build on the superb leadership of past-Presidents Mark Albertson and Doug Scharnhorst, we're going to focus our vision by reminding ourselves that **the business of the KDP is business – YOUR business...** Visit the [KDP blog to read the full article.](#)



Member Renewals — Thank you for supporting KDP!

KDP MEMBERS

- Catalyst Travel
- Kent Regional Library
- Northwest Roofing
- Julia Patterson
- John Wilkins
- Petrik Photography

FRIENDS OF KDP

- Jacquie & Frank Alexander
- The Keimig Associates

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- Puget Sound Steel
- Renaissance Yarns
- Roland & Company, CPA, PS
- Servpro
- Tarragon
- Union Bank
- Valley Bank of Kent
- Virtually Yourz

Important Dates to Remember:

Saturdays (9 am—2 pm): Kent Farmers Market

Tuesdays (12-1pm): Take Out Tuesdays, Free Concert, Kent Station

Wednesdays (12-1pm): Wednesday Picnic Performances, Town Square Plaza

Wednesdays (6-8): Date Night Wednesdays, Free Concert, Kent Station

August 3: KDP Membership Picnic and National Night Out



Did you know that you don't need to be on the KDP board to make a difference? Here are other ways you can get more involved in KDP:

- **Serve on a committee**
- **Become a B&O contributor**
- **Volunteer to help with or host an event**
- **Attend Downtown Breakfast Hour or a KDP networking function**





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**Featured Businesses
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Each month KDP will feature local businesses who are KDP members that could benefit from a little extra support. Please visit these businesses, talk to the owners, learn what they do, or buy a beverage. They will appreciate your time and attention and will be happy to return the favor when YOUR business is featured. Together we can revitalize downtown!

Earthworks Gem Design Studio

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